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SUBJ: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON
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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL WITH PETER FIELD,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF
OVERSEAS TRADE. FIELD SAID GOA VERY MUCH SHARED U.S. CONCERN
THAT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION ACHIEVED BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND
CONSUMERS AT MARCH MEETING WILL BE OVERSHADOWED BY RESORT TO
POLEMICS ON PART OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WITH LITTLE OR
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NO DIRECT INTEREST IN COPPER. GOA AFRAID THAT AS THIS FIRST

CONSULTATION UNDER NAIROBI MANDATE, "EVERY MAN AND HIS DOG" WILL BE THERE, HOPING TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENTS IN COPPER CONSULTATIONS WHICH WOULD BE OF USE TO THEM IN OTHER SUBSEQUENT COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THEM. GOA AFRAID CONSULTATIONS WILL GET BOGGED DOWN IN DISCUSSIONS OF COMMON FUND, BUFFER STOCKS, ETC.

2. FIELD SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW SECRETARIAT PAPER FOR COPPER CONSULTATIONS DOES NOT HELP AS IT INCLUDES ALL ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION 93, INCLUDING MENTION OF BUFFER STOCKS, SUPPLY COMMITMENTS AND PURCHASING COMMITMENTS. HE OF OPINION THAT SECRETARIAT PAPER ALMOST PREJUDGES THE DESIRABILITY OF A COMMODITY AGREEMENT OF THE ITA FORMAT.

3. GOA CONTINUES TO FAVOR THE SETTING UP OF A PERMANENT BODY ON COPPER, BUT ONE WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INSIDE UNCTAD FRAMEWORK. GOA WOULD LIKE SEE FORTHCOMING MEETING ESTABLISH WAYS AND MEANS AS TO HOW SUCH A PERMANENT BODY SHOULD BE SET UP AND THE FORM IT SHOULD TAKE. FIELD SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOA FEARS THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WILL NOT RPT NOT BE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT.

4. FIELD SAID THAT AUSTRALIA PUT FOREGOING VIEWS TO OTHER CIPEC MEMBERS IN A MEETING LAST WEEK, AND THAT WHILE THEY APPEARED TO BE GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED, HE AFRAID GOOD INTENTIONS OF LDC MEMBERS OF CIPEC WOULD BE OVERSHADOWED BY FELT NEED TO TOE THE LINE ON SUCH NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AS MAY COME UP TO DIVERT CONSULTATIONS FROM APPROVING WORK PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN MARCH.

5. GOA DELEGATION TO GENEVA WILL BE LED BY A.J. MCGOLDRICK, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DOT, AND WILL INCLUDE G.J. HALL, MINISTER (COMMERCIAL), AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO OECD, PARIS; D. GATES, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON; G. MACGREGOR, AUSTRALIAN MISSION, GENEVA; AND C. DAVY, LONDON OFFICE, MOUNT ISA MINES INDUSTRIES (INDUSTRY OBSERVER). FIELD SAID HE SURE MCGOLDRICK WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATIONS WITH ASH HEWETT BEFORE OPENING OF MEETING.

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